

## A PLEASANT INCIDENT

Sergt. William Harvey Carney's Bravery  
Recognized by the War Department.

On Saturday, July 18, 1863, nearly 37 years ago, the assault upon Fort Wagner, S. O. was made; the result is history. Among the many conspicuous acts of personal valor none stands out in bolder relief than that of Sergeant W. H. Carney, Co. C, 54th Mass. Vols. When the Color Sergeant fell, he threw away his rifle, seized the colors and dashed forward in the face of the storm of shot and shell, until he reached the top of the parapet into which he drove the staff of the flag and lay down behind it, and for nearly an hour held



SERG. W. H. CARNEY.

it there until at length he found that he was the only one remaining, all others being shot or driven back. Not being willing to surrender himself or the flag, he pulled up the staff and made a break for the reserve lines, and although wounded in three places before reaching there he succeeded. The officers at that part of the line wished to relieve him of the colors and send him at once for his much needed medical attention, but he positively refused to give up the flag to any one not a member of his regiment, so they placed him in an ambulance and drove to



MR. LEWIS H. DOUGLASS.

where the remnants of his gallant comrades had rallied; to them he gave up the flag, and when they cheered his brave deed to the echo, simply said: "Boys, I only did my duty. The old flag never touched the ground." And then allowed them to take him to the hospital. His conduct was noted in orders, and reported to the governor of the state. Gen. Gilmore, in command of the U. S. forces, gave him a medal of honor; but by some oversight no report was made to the War Department calling attention to the matter and there it rested.

In connection with the Negro exhibit at the Paris Exposition, Mr. Thomas J. Calloway conceived the idea of making a collection of photographs of colored men who had received medals of honor from the Congress of the United States, and requested an old soldier, at present connected with the War Department to take charge of the matter, which he did and succeeded in collecting after infinite painstaking, the portraits of

sixteen (16) living and dead heroes, and the group is now a part of the exhibit. It was during this search that the gentleman in charge found to his great surprise that no medal from Congress had been issued to Sergt. Carney, and after corresponding with the gallant sergeant, took up the case personally, searched for and found the necessary evidence to establish the claim, put it in proper form, and submitted it to the Secretary of War for action. It is needless to say that the action was favorable, and now at all subsequent encampments, re-unions and other official functions, the bronze star with its broad striped ribbon will be conspicuous on the broad chest of the brave hero Sergt. William H. Carney. This gentleman is also authority for another statement that may be of interest to Washingtonians. Lewis H. Douglass, so well known to our citizens was sergeant major of the 54th Mass. Infantry, and was also present and participated in the fight on this occasion. And when the line where he was shook, and shrank under the terrible fire, Douglass sprang up on the parapet shouting, "Come on boys, we are on review today before Governor Andrew," and the line rallied and followed him with a cheer.

"Ha! them as heroes tried,  
Never in field or tent,  
Scorn the Black Regiment."

An Absurd Proposition.

"Shut the Negro out of your primaries and you have solved the Negro question," is the opening statement of a most nonsensical proposition enunciated by one Henry Standish, of Tennessee. "We democrats," said he, "do not allow a republican to vote at a democratic primary. The Negro is considered a republican voter. He can be legally shut out of the republican primary, if the republican party would just set him down as a democratic voter. There is nothing to prevent him being shut out of their primaries. If he is thrown out of the primaries of both parties, what chance will he have to vote? The democrats of the South hold the white voter because the Negro is considered a republican. It is by shutting them out of the primaries and force them to vote the republican ticket that this condition is made possible. The republicans haven't awakened to the fact that they can unload the Negro, and by thus getting rid of that incubus, stand a chance of dividing the white vote of the South on economic issues. When they do, the Negro will probably be looking for a party."

Mrs. Terrell in the South.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell left Sunday night for Greensboro, N. C., to deliver the annual address to the faculty and students of the A. and M. College at that place of which Prof. J. B. Dudley is president. Mrs. Terrell has been attending the A. M. E. General Conference at Columbus, O., and was not in good health, but faithful to her promise she determined to go South at any risk. It is useless to say that her reception was a royal one, and she acquitted herself with the distinction that marks every effort she undertakes. Mrs. Terrell takes the lecture field this summer under the auspices of a leading lyceum bureau. The terms offered are very flattering.

To the good thinking people of Washington, if you are thinking of given a party don't forget to consult the Delmo Koonce.

## THE STATUS OF NEGRO.

Speakers of Prominence Address Meeting  
Called for Thursday—Planning  
for the Future.

A conference of the colored citizens of the District was held on Thursday morning in Carroll Hall, G street between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, for the purpose of discussing the social, political, moral, education and industrial status of the Negro in this country. There were three sessions. The morning session was opened at 10 o'clock with addresses by former senator John P. Green, of Ohio, and Mr. Thomas H. R. Clarke. The afternoon session, beginning at 2 o'clock, was addressed by former Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire; Dr. J. E. Jones, Mr. Judson W. Lyons, Mr. H. P. Cheatham, and Mr. W. Calvin Chase.

A public meeting was held in the evening, on which occasion Senator William E. Chandler, Congressman H. R. Gibson, of Tennessee; Senator William E. Mason, of Illinois, and Attorney Thomas L. Jones, of the District bar, made brief remarks.

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